

the 1900 directory with no occupation and living at 309 N. 6th Street. Miller has not been located in the 1900 census.

Miller became a reference point for whites and blacks in the city to recall what whites were willing to do against blacks that challenged white supremacy: “there are two elements... among the negroes... the kindly, affectionate, faithful, sober, well-meaning class and the low, vicious, unprincipled, saucy, bullying dangerous class.... there are not many Tom Millers among them, but when revolutions set in the Toms are politely invited to pack and go and keep going.”

T.C. Miller and his family is connected to the Sadgwars, Riveras, Howes, Colletts, and other prominent New Hanover County families. Annie Miller married Fred Sadgwar Jr. by 1910. The 1910 census indicates that she was 36 and was born in North Carolina. T.C.’s daughter, Charity, also lived in the household. Charity was seven in 1910 and had been born in Pennsylvania. Annie Sadgwar died in 1946. It is likely that Annie managed T.C.’s estate holdings with her husband, Fred, for Charity and other Miller children. Tracing deeds for the Millers and Sadgwars, two of the city’s largest black landowning families, would help in understanding the ultimate division of T.C.’s property.

The Miller House on 6th Street was built for him and was inherited by son; remained in the Miller family till 1947 when bought by Fredrick Sadgwar, Jr., step-father to T.C.’s younger children, as rental property and Sadgwar family owned house until 1988.

While in Norfolk, Miller operated a barroom and in 1901 he purchased property along with Thomas McCauley. He and his son lived in the city according to the 1903 Norfolk City Directory.

#### References to Miller or son:

*Star*, 3-1-1872: T. Miller m. Margaret Johnson announcement

Freedmen’s Bank Application: 8-11-1873

*Star*, 4-7-1898: two 2 frame dwellings at 1006 and 1008 Castle destroyed by fire – one owned by T.C. Miller was vacant and other (1008) owned by John Norwood and occupied by Jane Cowan; both were insured

*Star*, 12-4-01: TC Miller and SM West, executors for an estate to Ed. Roan by deed on 2-4-1864, lot on west side of 7<sup>th</sup> between Red Cross and Campbell for \$1

*Dispatch*, 13 July 1896: Mrs. T.C. Miller died at 216 Castle, funeral at St. Luke’s

State Archives: New Hanover Colored Marriage Register 1872-1891:

- Thomas C. Miller, age 23 married Sallie Washington, age 19 April 25, 1873, minister and witness information “erased” for only his entry;
- Thomas C. Miller, age 33, married Tenah Howe, age 26, January 28, 1885 at St. Luke’s with Minister L.D. Kennedy presiding, witnesses: David Williams, Munroe Byrd, Thomas A. Knight;
- Thomas C. Miller, Jr., age 18, married Charlotta Harriss, age 18, August 28, 1893, witness information blank

Sources: *Wilmington Messenger*, March 31, 1903; *Wilmington Morning Star*, March 27, 1903; New Hanover County Correspondence files: letter from TC Miller to J.D. Taylor 7/9/1902; 1889 City Directory; New Hanover Administrator’s Bonds, North Carolina State Archives; New Hanover Estates Records, North Carolina State Archives; *Wilmington Messenger*, November 30, 1899; TC Miller House File, New Hanover County Public Library; Norfolk City Directory, 1903; Norfolk City Death Certificates; Prather, *We Have Taken a City*; Reaves, *Strength Through Struggle*; 1860-1930 census; 1897, 1900 city directories; Bill Reaves Collection, New Hanover County Public Library; McDuffie, “Politics in Wilmington;” Cody, “After the Storm;” 1890, 1897, 1900 New Hanover County Tax Lists.

#### **Moore, William A. [Bill]**

Moore was a member of the Committee of Colored Citizens summoned to hear the demands of Waddell and the Committee of 25 on November 9, 1898. Moore worked as a lawyer and was targeted for removal from the city because of his political activity and his occupation. Moore was one of several leaders, all subsequently banished that signed a resolution in January, 1898 to repeal compulsory vaccination laws. A controversial figure, the law offices Moore shared with George White on the corner of 2nd and Market were broken into and vandalized.